



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Examiners in Optometry

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday December 10, 2014

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover DE
Conference Room "B", Cannon Building

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, President
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member
Irvin Bowers, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II
David Mangler, Director, Division of Professional Regulation

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Michele Haranin

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hilovsky called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.
Dr. Hilovsky introduced the newest Board member Mr. Irvin Bowers.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Haranin gave an update concerning what will be allowed in the Proposed Legislation expansion. Dr. Haranin stated that the hope is to have Final Legislation to be introduced shortly after the beginning of 2015. Once Dr. Haranin completed her presentation, Dr. Hilovsky asked the Board members if they had any questions to pose to Dr. Haranin concerning the changes to the Proposed Legislation. Mr. Mangler asked Dr. Haranin if she knew of any other Ophthalmologists have had conversations with other people in the Medical Society. Dr. Haranin stated that the Delaware Optometric Association has had meetings with the President of the Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Hilovsky thanked Dr. Haranin for her presentation. Dr. Hilovsky explained to the newest Board member, Mr. Bowers that the Delaware Optometric Association is proposing changes to Legislation which has not been updated in over 20 years. Dr. Haranin stated that she hopes to have something for introduction to Legislation as early as the end of January 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Completion of Internship Application(s)

The Board reviewed the Completion of Internship applications of Mariem Abdou and Daniel Baruffi. Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to approve both Mariem Abdou and Daniel Baruffi for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Application(s) by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application by Reciprocity of Kathleen O'Donnell. Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to approve the Kathleen O'Donnell for licensure by Reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board members discussed Final Revisions to be made to Title 24 of the Rules and Regulations. Dr. Hilovsky posed a question to Mr. Mangler concerning the best way to implement a Jurisprudence continuing education contact hour for Biennial Renewal.

Dr. Hilovsky suggested that licensees could attend a Delaware Optometric Association Meeting. Ms. Singh and Mr. Mangler advised against this suggestion, explaining that it may appear to the licensees that since all of the Professional members of the Board are members of the Association. It may also appear that the members of the Board are attempting to drive licensees to become members of the Association.

Mr. Mangler suggested that in his opinion, the most efficient way to communicate would be to send a Hybrid form of communication as a mass email/First Class letter to the licensees that are in the DPR database.

Mr. Mangler also explained to the Board members that certain professions require that a "Jurisprudence Exam" be administered prior to licensure in Delaware. There are no Boards which require this exam for Renewal of licensure.

The Board members returned to the discussion of Revisions to be made to Title 24 of the Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Singh and Mr. Mangler explained to the Board members the process which takes place for Non Compliance of Continuing Education at the time of Renewal of Licensure.

Ms. Singh stated that she would type up all of the changes made to Title 24 including the

Re-Titled-Ethics Code now known as Unprofessional Conduct. The changes will be distributed prior to the next Board meeting. At the February 25, 2015 meeting, the Board members can vote on the changes.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at the December 10, 2014 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

The Board members will discuss and decide the percentage of licensees which will be audited in 2015 at the February 25, 2015 meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.